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APPENDIX B TO SUBPART E OF PART 1980—CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY AND SIGNATURE

U.S. Department of Agriculture—Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354

(Name) (Title) of the Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354, (FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354), an Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the following person holds the office of (State Director, State Program Loan Chief, Director, County Super-District or, for FmHA or its visor) of successor agency under Public Law 103-354 and that the signature appearing below and that the signatures appearing above that person's name on the following described document is the genuine signature of such person:

- 1. Form(s) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 449–34, "Loan Note Guarantee," dated relating to loan made by (Lender's Name) to (Borrower's Name), FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 Loan Identification No.
- 2. Form(s) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 449–35, "Lender's Agreement," dated relating to loan made by (Lender's Name) to (Borrower's Name) , FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 Loan Identification No.
- 3. Form(s) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 449–36, "Assignment Guarantee Agreement," dated relating to loan made by (Lender's Name) to (Borrower's Name) , FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 Loan Identification No.

Signature_____(Name Type)

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name this _____ day of _____,

Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354.

(Title)

APPENDIX C TO SUBPART E OF PART 1980—GUIDELINES FOR LOAN GUAR-ANTEES FOR ALCOHOL FUEL PRODUC-TION FACILITIES

(1) Alcohol production facility. An alcohol production facility is a facility in which alcohol, suitable for use by itself or in combination with other substances as a substitute for petroleum or petrochemical feed-

stocks and not suitable for beverage purposes, is manufactured from biomass.

- (2) The alcohol production facility includes all facilities necessary for the production and storage of alcohol and the processing of the by-products of alcohol production. The intent is to limit the alcohol and by-products processing facilities to those facilities which are necessary to yield marketable products and necessary for the financial success of the project. Further refinements, such as gasoline blending or the construction of facilities which use the alcohol or by-products in another manufacturing process, are not considered part of the alcohol production facility.
- (3) Application will be reviewed by both B&I personnel and the State Office engineer and forwarded to the National Office if approval is recommended.
- (4) The applicant should have a startup tangible book equity of 20-25 percent. (Appraisal surplus and subordinated debt are not eligible equity items.)
- (5) Loan maturity maximums will be as follows:

Real Estate=15-20 years

Machinery & Equipment=10 years or less depending on the estimated life of the equipment involved

Working Capital=3 years (It is assumed that the additional equity required for these projects will provide much of the working capital needs.)

- (6) Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will ordinarily only finance new facilities and will not get involved in the refinancing of existing ones.
- (7) Priority consideration will be given to the use of primary fuel other than petroleum or natural gas.
- (8) A positive energy balance must be indicated and supported by appropriate data; i.e., the energy content of the alcohol produced at the alcohol production facility must be greater than the energy used to produce the alcohol and by-products.
- (9) Plant location, in relation to feedstocks, primary fuel and markets for product and by-products, will be an important consideration.
- (10) Debt refinancing will only be considered in modest amounts and only when necessary to provide a satisfactory lien position.
- (11) Feasibility studies are very important and required and will be prepared by competent and knowledgeable independent parties.
- (12) Participating lenders must either have expertise or the availability of expertise in this field
- (13) The proposed operating managers must have experience in this or a related field.
- (14) Alcohol Fuel Production Facilities are eligible for assistance under the Drought and